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SUBJ: SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR REDUCTION OF TRAVEL NOTIFICATION PERIOD

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1. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF MFA NOTE THIS SUBJECT DATED AUGUST 21. COPY OF RUSSIAN ORIGINAL BEING POUCHED EUR/SOV.

2. BEING QUOTE: THE MFA OF THE USSR REFERS TO ITS NOTE NO. 188/PR OF MAY 28 OF THIS YEAR AND TO THE NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF USA NO. 665 OF JUNE 19 OF THIS YEAR REGARDING REDUCING TO PERIOD FOR NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL BETWEEN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD AND, CORRESPONDINGLY, BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF PERSONS. ACCEPTING SOME OF THE PROPOSALS MADE IN THE EMBASSY'S REFERENCED NOTE, THE MINISTRY EXPRESSES ITS WILLINGNESS TO AGREE TO THE FOLLOWING.

SUBMISSION TO APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES OF WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF TRAVEL BETWEEN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD BY PERSONNEL OF THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE OF THE USA IN THE SOVIET UNION, OFFICIALS OF THE USA TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS, THE STAFF OF AMERICAN BUSINESS OFFICES, COMMERCIAL AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS IN THE SOVIET UNION, AND ALSO

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MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES OF PERSONS IN THESE CATEGORIES, AND ON

THE OTHER HAND, SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN NOTIFICATION TO APPROPRIATE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES OF TRAVEL BETWEEN WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK BY PERSONNEL OF THE EMBASSY AND CONSULATE OF THE USSR IN THE UNITED STATES, SOVIET OFFICIALS TEMPORARILY ASSIGNED TO THESE ESTABLISHMENTS, PERSONNEL OF THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE USSR TO THE UN, THE STAFF OF SOVIET BUSINESS OFFICES, COMMERICAL AND OTHER ESTABLISHMENTS, SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS IN THE UNITED STATES, AND ALSO MEMBERS OF THE FAMILIES OF PERSONS IN THESE CATEGORIES --MUST TAKE PLACE NOT LATER THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE BEGINNING A TRIP, EIGHT HOURS OF WHICH MUST COINCIDE WITH A NORAM WORKING DAY.

ON EXCEPTIONAL OCCASIONS NOTIFICATION MAY BE MADE BY TELEPHONE EVEN LESS THAN 24 HOURS BEFORE TRAVEL, WITH OBLIGATORY SIMULTANEOUS DISPATCH OF WRITTEN NOTIFICATION ACCORDING TO THE ESTABLISHED FORM.

OTHERWISE THE EXISTING TRAVEL SYSTEM IS RETAINED.

THIS NOTE OF THE MFA OF THE USSR AND THE RESPONDING NOTE OF THE EMBASSY OF THE USA, CONFIRMING AGREEMTN WITH THE PROPOSED SIMPLIFIED TRAVEL NOTIFICATION SYSTEM FOR MOSCOW-LENINGRAD AND WASHINGTON-NEW YORK, COULD BE CONSIDERED AS CONCLUSION OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SIDES ON THIS MATTER. END QUOTE

3. EMBASSY'S COMMENTS FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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